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(54) Title: GENETICALLY MODIFIED TUMOR-TARGETED BACTERIA WITH REDUCED VIRULENCE**(57) Abstract**

The present invention is directed to mutant *Salmonella sp.* having a genetically modified *msbB* gene in which the mutant *Salmonella* is capable of targeting solid tumors. The invention is also directed to *Salmonella sp.* containing a genetically modified *msbB* gene as well as a genetic modification in a biosynthetic pathway gene such as the *purI* gene. The present invention further relates to the therapeutic use of the mutant *Salmonella* for growth inhibition and/or reduction in volume of solid tumors.

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X - Y	PAWELEK et al. Tumor-targeted Salmonella as A Novel Anti-melanoma Vector. Melanoma Research, 4th World Conference on Melanoma, Sydney, Australia. 10-14 June 1996, Vol. 7, (Suppl. 1), S141, see entire abstract.	15, 16, 28 ----- 17-27, 29, 30, 32

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